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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:
Christopher D. TAGGE et al.

Serial No.: Divisional of 09/414,132

Group Art Unit: Unassigned

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Title: "COMPLEXES OF MID-TRANSITION METALS AND UNSATURATED NITROGENOUS LIGANDS AS SINGLE-SITE CATALYSTS"

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment to the patent application identified above, a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 09/414,132, filed October 6, 1999 and now allowed. Prior to examination of this application, please enter the amendments indicated below.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1 of the application, prior to the section entitled "TECHNICAL FIELD" on line 8, please add the new section indicated in Appendix A. The new section will read as follows:

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/414,132, filed October 6, 1999.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 41-51, as requested in Appendix A.

REMARKS

With this amendment, applicants have introduced a section on page 1 of the specification identifying this application as a divisional of Serial No. 09/414,132, which has now been allowed (and for which the issue fee was paid on November 30, 2001). Also, applicants have canceled claims 41-51, which were prosecuted in the parent case, so as to submit only the restricted-out claims, i.e., claims 1-40, for prosecution herein.

Applicants note that the Office had issued a restriction requirement between claims 1-29 and 30-40 in the parent case. It is submitted that claims 1-40 may be readily examined together without undue burden on the Office, and pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. Section 806.05, should be examined together. That is, claims 30-40 and claims 1-29 are related as combination and subcombination, and without the "subcombination" (the catalysts of claims 1-29), claims 30-40 would recite merely a catalyst activator, which is not, by itself, patentable. Thus, applicants respectfully request that all pending claims be examined together.

If the Office has any questions concerning this communication, or if the Examiner would like to discuss the application as search and examination is initiated, please contact the undersigned attorney at (650) 330-0900.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX A

REDACTED TEXT INDICATING AMENDMENTS MADE

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